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DELACARE RULE GUIDANCE AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BULLETIN FCCH 2013-12

TO: Family Child Care Providers
FROM: Betty Gail Timm – Resource and Development Manager
DATE: December 17, 2013
SUBJECT: *DELACARE RULE 76 – Tuberculosis (TB) Requirement Change*

Effective immediately, unless the provider, adult household member, or substitute exhibits symptoms of tuberculosis, further testing for tuberculosis every five (5) is no longer required.

Rule 76 in *DELACARE: RULES FOR FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES* states:

Rule 76, “Applicant shall provide written evidence of health appraisals attesting to his/her health, the health of any adult household member, and Substitute.

- A. *The written report from a health care provider shall have been completed within one (1) year prior to the date of the initial licensure and include at a minimum;*
- i. *Freedom from communicable tuberculosis (TB) verified within one (1) year prior to the date of initial licensure, **with further testing every five (5) years;**”*

[See *DELACARE: RULES FOR FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES* for entire rule]

Effective immediately, unless the provider, adult household member, or substitute exhibits symptoms of tuberculosis, further testing for tuberculosis every five (5) is no longer required. Licensing Specialists will not be checking for documentation of further TB testing **after the initial review**. A representative of the Delaware Department of Public Health has informed this Office that regular testing of adults with no symptoms of the disease is no longer necessary.

Please note that proof of freedom from communicable tuberculosis verified within one (1) year of initial application for the provider, substitute, and any adult household member, or within one year prior to a household member becoming an adult (reaching age 18) or an adult joining the household, or becoming the newly recognized Substitute is still required. This proof, supplied by a health care provider, could be results of a test, x-ray, or paper screening, as deemed appropriate by the medical personnel. Proof of freedom from the disease, updated every five (5) years is no longer required.

Please contact your Licensing Specialist with any questions.